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Every day and at varying times MIG 15s and MIG 17s and, on 18 August at about 1500 hours, 1 MIG 19, carried out firing practice at varying altitudes but mainly very high. On most days the aircraft seen with the naked eye were no more than tiny points. Firing practice took place both over the sea and over the land. The target was of a yellow triangular sack-like appearance towed by a IL 28 at a distance of about 8 to 10 fuselage lengths. The target looked to be about one third the size of the IL 28.

2. Both the IL 28 and the fighters were equipped with reserve tanks. The fighters carried out their attacks singly and not in formation, approaching obliquely from the rear. The average burst of fire was about 5 to 7 rounds. Neither take-off nor landing could be seen.

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